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Crop Progress and Condition

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General

Last week, high temperatures ranged from 61 to 78 and low temperatures ranged from 18 to 42 degrees Fahrenheit. On average, there were 4.2 days suitable for field work. Rainfall amounts throughout the state ranged from 0.63 inches in Hope and Texarkana to 3.29 inches in Rohwer. State average topsoil moisture supplies were 15 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. The subsoil moisture supplies were 22 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Crops

Fruit, berry, and row crop producers continued to assess the damage of freezing temperatures. Corn, sorghum, and rice emerged were at 68, 27, and 11 percent, respectively. Producers were able to remain well ahead of last year's planting progress with 93 percent of the corn crop and 51 percent of the sorghum crop planted. Rice farmers were eight points ahead of last year's planting progress with 34 percent of this year's rice crop planted by the week's end. Wheat progress, at 54 percent headed, remained well ahead of last year and the 5-year average of 39 and 18 percent, respectively.

Livestock

Cattle conditions were fair to good last week. Alfalfa was mostly in fair to good condition. Warm season grasses continued to show signs of damage caused by below freezing temperatures that have occurred. Livestock producers were vaccinating cattle.

Percent of Progress					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2006	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	93	85	88	73
	Emerged	68	46	57	42
Sorghum	Planted	51	36	37	25
	Emerged	27	14	n/a	n/a
Soybeans	Planted	7	2	13	7
Rice	Planted	34	25	42	28
	Emerged	11	5	5	5
Winter Wheat	Headed	54	44	39	18

Condition in Percentages					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	24	35	33	7	1
Winter Wheat	16	32	24	23	5
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	47	43	10
Hay-Other	4	17	50	25	4
Pasture and Range	5	20	45	29	1

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 15, 2007									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Apr. 15	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year to Date	
								2007	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	63	30	-9	1.09	1.63	3.95	8.23	10.68
	Harrison	61	33	-10	1.64	2.33	3.86	6.33	11.37
N. Central	Calico Rock	66	18	-9	1.82	2.74	4.15	10.15	12.45
	Gilbert	66	34	-11	2.20	3.06	3.70	9.50	11.59
	Greers Ferry	65	39	-9	1.75	3.17	4.74	11.10	14.30
	Mtn. Home	63	28	-10	2.08	3.01	3.96	8.94	12.12
Northeast	Batesville	67	23	-9	2.13	4.08	4.32	12.05	13.31
	Jonesboro	68	39	-9	2.25	4.55	4.37	9.54	13.58
	Keiser	71	33	-8	2.18	3.96	4.48	10.40	14.58
	Newport	68	31	-10	2.45	4.36	4.69	11.31	14.01
W. Central	Booneville	68	22	-13	1.13	1.84	3.76	8.91	12.26
	Clarksville	67	25	-9	1.56	2.49	4.14	10.18	12.24
	Dardanelle	68	38	-8	1.41	2.61	3.97	10.20	12.83
	Ft. Smith	69	34	-8	1.63	1.78	3.54	9.21	10.62
	Mena	68	25	-9	1.88	2.84	4.69	10.23	14.44
	Ozark	68	24	-11	1.57	2.14	3.62	11.29	11.66
Central	Conway	68	40	-8	1.99	3.52	4.52	12.67	13.55
	Hot Springs	72	26	-10	2.22	3.82	4.84	13.45	15.32
	Little Rock	72	41	-7	1.81	3.43	4.92	12.64	14.37
	N. Little Rock	70	30	-11	2.40	3.41	4.60	11.50	13.80
E. Central	Brinkley	70	28	-8	1.65	5.05	4.58	13.46	14.80
	Marianna	72	29	-7	1.66	3.14	5.07	8.28	16.14
	Stuttgart	72	28	-10	1.48	3.90	4.77	11.63	14.74
Southwest	Hope	74	30	-8	0.63	4.02	4.63	17.31	15.44
	Texarkana	73	37	-8	0.63	3.30	3.75	14.46	12.83
	Camden	74	29	-9	1.10	5.57	4.54	18.10	16.04
S. Central	El Dorado	75	38	-7	2.05	3.42	4.40	14.87	16.42
	Warren	73	28	-8	2.84	3.39	5.22	11.61	17.97
Southeast	Eudora	78	34	-8	3.02	3.23	5.69	8.85	19.63
	Pine Bluff	73	40	-8	1.73	3.44	4.76	11.16	15.67
	Rohwer	73	42	-7	3.29	3.48	4.84	8.40	16.99

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$ - 30 year average.

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